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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR UN XF

SUBJ: SITUATION ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD

REF: USUN 4708

SUMMARY: SITUATION APPEARS TO HAVE CALMED ON QUESTION OF UNEF ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD. ISRAELIS HAVE PULLED BACK FROM THEIR TOUGH TALK OF MORNING OF NOVEMBER 13. WALDHEIM AND URQUHART EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR US ASSISTANCE.

1. FOLLOWING UP ON WASHINGTON ACTION AND PER HERZ-BENNETT TELCON, BENNETT TALKED SEPARATELY WITH SYG AND ASYG URQUHART AROUND 3:30 P.M. LOCAL. BOTH REPORTED SHARP CHANGE IN ISRAELI ATTITUDE AND CREDITED USG WITH HAVING BROUGHT THIS ABOUT. URQUHART WAS PARTICULARLY OUTSPOKEN IN ASKING THAT APPRECIATION BE CONVEYED TO WASHINGTON FOR USG HELPFULNESS.

2. SIILASVUO HAS NOW REPORTED TO UN THAT ISRAELIS HAVE AGREED TO THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF UN CHECKPOINT AT KILOMETER 119. ACCORDING HIS REPORT UNEF WILL TAKE UP POSITION TO EAST REPEAT EAST OF ISRAELIS MORNING OF NOVEMBER 14 EGYPTIAN TIME. DAYAN REVERSED HIS EARLIER CONFIDENTIAL

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TOUGH ATTITUDE TOWARD SIILASVUO AND SAID THAT UNEF CAN STAY ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD. DAYAN PULLED BACK ON SOME OF HIS ROUGH LANGUAGE OF EARLIER MEETING AND INDEED DENIED HAVING MADE CERTAIN STATEMENTS. THINGS, THEREFORE, SEEM

BACK IN BALANCE FOR THE MOMENT ALTHOUGH WALDHEIM CONTINUES TO HAVE CONCERN OVER CONTROL ASPECTS OF ROAD.

3. MEANWHILE UN HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ISRAELI EMBASSY HERE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT UN HAS NO INTENTION OF TAKING ACTION WHICH WOULD DISRUPT ISRAELI CONTROL OF ITS OWN FORCES OR HINDER INTRAFORCE MOVEMENT.

4. WALDHEIM EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER LIKELIHOOD THAT ISRAELI TACTICS WOULD PROVOKE STRONG REACTIONS BY NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS SC AND LEAD THEM TO AGITATE FOR SC ACTION. HE SAID HE PLANS TO TAKE POSITION WITH ANY UN MEMBERS WHO RAISE MATTER AND IN ANY PUBLIC REACTION THAT TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD HAVE NOW BEEN RESOLVED AND THAT EFFORTS CONTINUE TO PUT AGREEMENT INTO EFFECT.
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